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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO IRANIAN OVERFLIGHTS DEMARCHE

REF: A. STATE 8319
[1](#)B. STATE 5567
[1](#)C. STATE 3948
[1](#)D. STATE3521

Classified By: DCM Angie Bryan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(S) On February 7, MFA Embassy Affairs Director Abdulghani al-Saeedi delivered to POL/E Chief the ROYG response to ref A,B, C and D demarches. Saeedi told POL/E Chief, after consultation with "the responsible authorities," that, as Badr Airlines is a legitimately registered company, if the United States wants Badr Airlines flights stopped it should attempt to do so in Iran or at some point before they reach Yemen. POL/E Chief reiterated ref A,B,C and D talking points. Comment: Saeedi was not confrontational, but the ROYG appears unwilling to support the USG on this issue. End Note.

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